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In Re Patent Application of:

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Microcontact Printing**

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Election

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated November 17, 2009.

Restriction is required by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. The Examiner alleges that the application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. These inventions are:

Group I, claims 1-21, drawn to a pin for depositing a liquid on a substrate.

Group II, claims 18-21, drawn to a microcontact printing pin holder for use in producing a microarray.

Group III, claim 22, drawn to a method of making a pin for depositing a liquid on a substrate.

Responsive thereto, the Applicant provisionally elects invention I drawn to the pin, claims 1-21, for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

An action on the merits is now in order and such is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees and/or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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